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SUBJ: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 30 ON DATA

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1. SPC ON SEPTEMBER 30 CONSIDERED DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG ON TRANSMITTAL OF REVISED ALLIED AND PACT DATA (AC/276-D(74)6) TO AHG FOR ITS OWN USE. THIS WAS ONE OF AHG'S REQUESTS IN JULY 23 MESSAGE TO THE NAC. DRAFT GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF BASED ON PREVIOUS SPC DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE, AND ON RECENT EXPRESSION OF DUTCH, GERMAN AND BELGIAN WILLINGNESS TO SEND THE DATA TO THE AHG, STRICTLY LIMITED TO INTERNAL AHG USE. MOST OF PARA 2 OF TEXT IS FROM DRAFT GUIDANCE ON REDEFINITION ON

GROUND FORCES. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"DATA OF MANPOWER STRENGTHS OF NATO AND WP FORCES
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IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA

THE AD HOC GROUP IS INVITED TO TAKE FORMAL COGNIZANCE FOR ITS
INTERNAL USE ONLY OF THE DATA CONTAINED IN THE MBFR WORKING

GROUP'S 3RD JULY REPORT ENTITLED "ASSESSMENTS OF MANPOWER STRENGTHS OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA" (AC/276-D(74)6). (1) HOWEVER, THE WP ELEMENT OF THESE DATA ARE NOT NATO-AGREED INTELLIGENCE, BEING SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE 1974 MC-224 CONFERENCE.

NONE OF THESE DATA MAY BE USED WITH THE OTHER SIDE UNTIL THE COUNCIL SO INSTRUCTS. HOWEVER, AS STATED IN THE COUNCIL'S GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE REDEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES (2), THE ALLIES, IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THE IMPACT OF EVENTUALLY INFORMING THE WARSAW PACT OF CHANGES IN THE NUMERICAL DATA ALREADY RELEASED, SHOULD TELL THE OTHER SIDE IN A LOW-DEY WAY THAT OUR NUMBERS ARE NATURALLY UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW AND SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENTS.

(1) THE BREAKDOWN OF WARSAW PACT AIR DEFENCE PERSONNEL, REQUESTED BY THE AD HOC GROUP IN ITS 23RD JULY MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL, REMAINS UNDER STUDY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

(2) REFERENCE IS MADE TO ISD/89(2ND REVISE)."
END TEXT

2. FRG REP (RANTZAU) STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THE ORIGINAL TITLE OF THIS TEXT, WHICH WAS "DATA OF GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER OF BOTH SIDES AS OF MID-1974." HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAD NO AUTHORITY TO PUT THE WORDS "AIR MANPOWER" INTO THE TITLE. ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) POINTED OUT THIS HAD BEEN A PARAGRAPH HEADING IN SPC WORK PROGRAM, TO WHICH NO ONE HAD OJBECTED. HOWEVER, SPC AGREED TO ADOPT THE TITLE OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP DOCUMENT ON REVISED DATA (AC/276-D(74)6). U.S. REP SUPPORTED THE TEXT AD REFERENDUM (SINCE THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WILL GIVE THE NEW FIGURES ADDED STATUS). SPC APPROVED THE TEXT AD REFERENDUM, AND IT WILL GO ON NAC AGENDA OCTOBER 2.

3. U.S. REP MADE STATEMENT PER REF A ON NEED FOR EARLY NATO
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ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AHG INFORM THE EAST OF OUR REVISED DATA HOLDINGS AND TO EXCHANGE NATIONAL SERVICE TOTALS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, PER AHG JULY 23 REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE TO THE NAC. HE STATED U.S. SUPPORTED BOTH MEASURES, AND DREW FROM REF B, AS WELL AS THE AHG REQUEST (REF C), TO UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF GETTING GUIDANCE ON THESE TWO MATTERS TO VIENNA. ONLY COMMENT WAS FROM RANTZAU, WHO NOTED FRG CONCERN ABOUT EXCHANGE OF DATA ON NATIONAL TOTALS. U.S. REP STRESSED U.S. OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS, AND OUR DESIRE TO WORK WITH ALLIES TO ENSURE THAT USE OF COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY DATA WOULD NOT LEAD TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS.

4. THESE TWO ITEMS ARE NOW ON SPC AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 3. ONLY

OTHER ITEM ON AGENDA IS NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER, AS ACTING CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED SPC RETURN AGAIN TO AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

5. SPC DISCUSSION ON REDEFINITION REPORTED SEPTEL. U. S. PROPOSAL ON TIME BETWEEN PHASES IN PHASE LINKAGE CONTEXT WAS ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 30 AGENDA. FRG, WHICH IS ONLY OPPONENT OF U.S. PROPOSAL, HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. INFORMAL SPC MEETING OCTOBER 1 WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS REDEFINITION IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH SPC AGREEMENT PRIOR TO NAC CONSIDERATION OF BOTH MATTERS ON OCTOBER 2.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION ASSUMES U.S. CAN AGREE TO ABOVE TEXT TRANSMITTING NEW DATA TO AHG FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY AT OCTOBER 2 NAC, AND WE SHALL DO SO UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.MCAULIFFE

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